



DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Agency Information Collection Activities; Construction Standards on Posting Emergency Telephone Numbers and Floor Load Limits

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting this Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA)-sponsored information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

DATES: The OMB will consider all written comments that the agency receives on or before **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Labor, as part of the continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent (i.e., employer) burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing information collection requirements in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program ensures that information is in the desired format, reporting burden (time and costs) is minimal, the collection instruments are clearly understood, and OSHA's estimate of the information collection burden is accurate. The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSH Act) (29 U.S.C. 651 et seq.) authorizes information collection by employers as necessary or appropriate for enforcement of the OSH Act or for developing information regarding the causes and prevention of occupational injuries, illnesses, and accidents (29 U.S.C. 657). The OSH Act also requires that OSHA obtain such information with minimum burden upon employers, especially those operating small businesses, and to reduce to the maximum extent feasible unnecessary duplication of effort in obtaining information (29 U.S.C. 657).

Two construction standards, "Medical Services and First Aid" (§ 1926.50), and "General Requirements for Storage" (§ 1926.250), contain posting provisions. Paragraph (f) of § 1926.50 requires employers to conspicuously post emergency telephone numbers for physicians, hospitals, or ambulances at their worksites if 911 emergency telephone service is not locally available; in the event that a worker has a serious injury at a worksite, this posting requirement helps expedite emergency medical treatment of the worker. Paragraph (a)(2) of § 1926.250 specifies that employers must post the maximum safe load limits of floors located in storage areas inside buildings or other structures under construction, unless the floors or slabs are on grade (sitting on the ground). This provision prohibits employers from overloading floors in areas used to store material and equipment where a structure's floors are not supported directly by the ground. This requirement is intended to prevent floor collapses which could seriously

injure or kill workers. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the Federal Register on March 2, 2022 (87 FR 11736).

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless the OMB approves it and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid OMB Control Number. *See* 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

DOL seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) years. OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal. The DOL notes that information collection requirements submitted to the OMB for existing ICRs receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

Agency: DOL-OSHA.

Title of Collection: Construction Standards on Posting Emergency Telephone Numbers and Floor Load Limits (29 CFR 1926.50 and 1926.250).

OMB Control Number: 1218-0093.

Affected Public: Private Sector— Businesses or other for-profits.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 885,922.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 263,262.

Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 55,184 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$0.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D))

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